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SUBJ: FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN PHNOM PENH

REF: PHNOM PENH 3091

1. DURING AIRPORT ARRIVAL CEREMONIES WELCOMING DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH, AMBASSADOR USED OCCASION TO QUERY FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY PHAN WANNAMETHEE REGARDING REPLACEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR CHANA IN PHNOM PENH. PHAN SAID RTG DEFINITELY PLANNED TO REPLACE HIM IN VERY NEAR FUTURE (HE DID NOT INDICATE NAME OF NEW AMBASSADOR) AND THAT RTG FULLY REALIZED THAT FAILURE BY THAILAND TO HAVE A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN PHNOM PENH FOR ANY APPRECIABLE PERIOD MIGHT BE MISREAD AS LACK OF SUPPORT FOR LON NOL GOVERNMENT. PHAN REITERATED THAT RTG WOULD DEFINITELY SEND NEW AMBASSADOR TO PHNOM PENH IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. AT SUBSEQUENT SOCIAL FUNCTION DCM QUERIED FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN ON PROSPECTS FOR QUICK APPROVAL OF OUR REQUEST TO SET UP SMALL ELEMENT FROM USAID PHNOM PENH IN BANGKOK TO CARRY OUT SUPPORT FUNCTIONS. CHARUNPHAN SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THIS PROPOSAL, THAT IT WAS BEING STAFFED IN HIS OFFICE AND THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT PERSONALLY. WHILE HE MADE NO PROMISES, HE GAVE IMPRESSION THAT PROPOSAL WOULD BE APPROVED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. IF DECISION IS NOT RECEIVED, WE WILL CHECK FURTHER MARCH 11.

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